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# Tornado Damage At First Light

Joy Wilson, Editors note:

My thoughts from a very terrifying experience this past Sunday in Sachse at my son's house.

Enola Gay's first report on KSST radio on Monday morning:

Jay Porterfield, Hopkins County native, sustained extensive damage at his home in Sachse. The first storm at about 9:30 pm Sunday October 20, 2019 broke out windows and started a leak in the roof, so as a more destructive second wave brought additional damage to the home and property, the family took refuge in a safe area under the stairs. His 5-bay shop, where 2 of the family's vehicles were placed for safety, had its roof and overhead doors buckled from wind and the cars could not be removed. At 1am Monday, the family was escorted from their home by emergency workers and guided around hot electrical wires on the ground, and they spent the night in a Wylie hotel. On Monday morning at first light, Jay reported that their large horse trailer was nowhere in sight at first, but when located, "it looked like it had been rolled then thrown back to the ground". Other homes in his neighborhood were flattened, but it appears that everyone has been accounted for.

Sunday morning, I had gone to Sachse to my son's home for Noelle's dance performance. All grandparents but one were in attendance so we had a very enjoyable time watching the dancing and eating a nice supper together.

You would never think that you would say that you had rather be in a tornado than to be safe miles away in your own home. But, yes, that is the way that I felt on Sunday night when the tornado hit in Sachse and things started flying, cracking and glass breaking. I was in the "safe" room with my son, daughter-in-law, my three grandchildren and two granddogs, Jay, Amber, Castleton, McCleary, Noelle, Sarge and Scout Porterfield. (You want to be with your children so you can see that they are okay and not just hear it from a cell phone.) Daisy, poor kitty, was in the garage the last time that we saw her but she is fine. Thank God that we all survived including the horses. The last time that we saw them, they were in the barn that was damaged and some of the roof torn off. Evidently, they felt the pressure and ran for safer ground. We could hear the windows breaking and things hitting the roof but it was much quieter than I would have imagined. The room had thick walls which helped with the sounds. As soon as it was safe to get outdoors, my son found the horses in the farthest part of the pasture, all three right together. Of course, it was dark so it took a little while searching 16 acres with a flashlight!

At 1 a.m. in a driving rain, we were escorted from the house to an awaiting Uber vehicle that took us to a dry hotel in Wylie. Since there was a "hot" downed wire in front of the house and we had no electricity, we were told we needed to leave for the night.

This entire episode has been tremendous for our family and all we lost was the shop, one car, horse trailer, utility trailer, barn, some windows in the house, garage door, and roof damage. Probably all things in the media room will have to be replaced as a large piece of wood came through the window. Two other families just in the neighborhood lost their entire homes and all their possessions. Thankfully, no lives were lost in the entire area and all animals were accounted for in our immediate neighbor.

That is the real miracle.

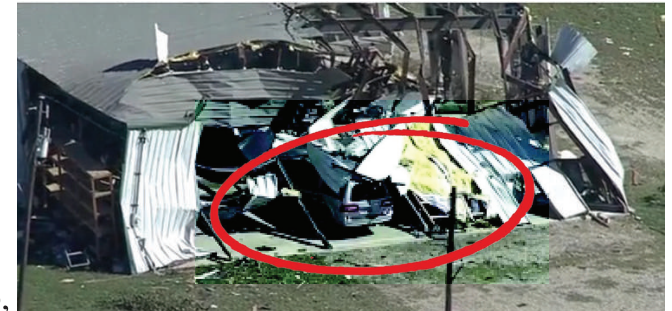
Neighbor's home across the street and up two houses.



Circled house next door neighbor and arrow at Jay's house.



New barn.

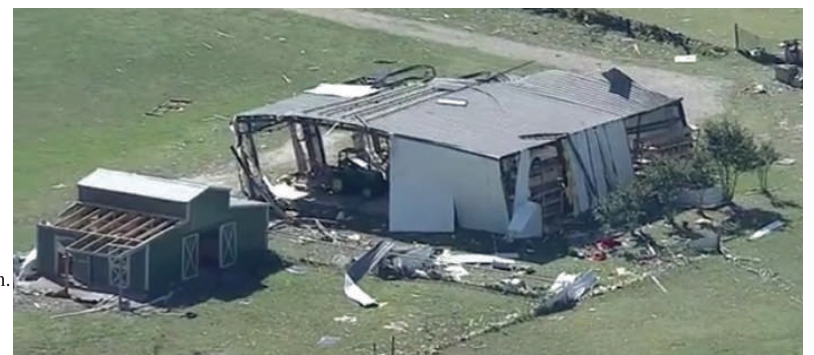


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Arial shot of the two damaged homes and Jay's at the bottom.

Jay's shop and barn.





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This week, the Senior Citizens of Hopkins County are in the spotlight! The Hopkins County Fall Festival has a special day, just for them, and this year it was held at the Sulphur Springs Senior Citizens Center. Here's the reminder Karon sent out:

"Here's a reminder about Hopkins County Fall Festival " Senior Citizens Day" on Tuesday, October 22nd starting at 1:30pm, which is actually a celebration of Seniors who are doing good things for others. We want all Senior Citizens to attend this event! We will be giving out 4 Awards this year for Senior Male and Female Volunteers of the year. We had some really great nominations and decided to give, not one but two awards, 2 each for the top male and female volunteers in the community. I wish everyone that was nominated could get an award for all of the "Tireless Volunteering" that they do in our Community. After the Awards we'll have refreshments and then at 2:00 we will have BINGO. BINGO Prizes will be donated by the Hopkins County Marketers Association".



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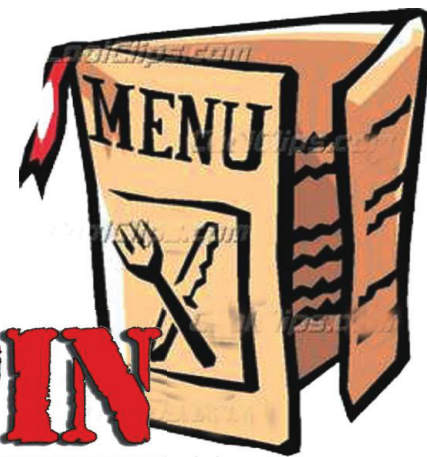
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### ***Peggy Lou Friddle Williams***

Funeral services for Peggy Lou Friddle Williams, age 75, of Sulphur Springs, were held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, October 26, 2019 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Gary Thompson officiating. Visitation was at 10:00 a.m., prior to service time. Interment was held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, October 26, 2019 at Sunset Memorial Park in Gilmer, TX with grandsons, Price Griggs, Collin Williams, Brandon Jones, Blake Holly, Kaleb Thompson, and Keller Thompson serving as pallbearers. Peggy passed away on Monday, October 21, 2019 at her residence.

She was born on September 8, 1944 in Gilmer, TX, the daughter of Condie Carnish and Lou Ella Whitfield Friddle. She was a homemaker and of the Church of Christ faith. She married James Douglas Williams on December 2, 1982 in Sulphur Springs, TX. He survives. She was a wonderful cook. She loved the Dallas Cowboys, the Texas Rangers, and watching her grandkids play sports. She also loved playing marbles and joker with her game girls. In addition to her husband James, she is survived by daughters, Andrea Griggs and husband Mitch of Sulphur Springs, Delann Thompson and husband Kenny of Mt. Pleasant, sons, Dee Williams of Sulphur Springs, Gene Williams of Ft. Worth, Steve Williams and wife Carolyn of Dike, brother, Bill Friddle of Dallas, sister, Sandy Johns of Gilmer, grandchildren, Price Griggs, Collin Williams, Sarah Jones and husband Brandon, Tara Holly and husband Blake, Kendel Thompson, Kaleb Thompson, Keller Thompson, Kit Thompson, and great-grandchildren, Brett and Elaine Jones. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Nelcine Hathcoat.



### ***Gerald Barnes***

A funeral Service for Gerald Barnes, age 85, of Sulphur Springs was held at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel with Bob Neal officiating. Interment followed at Restlawn Memorial Park with Ryan Holman, Adam Holman, Tanner Volz, B.J. Barnes, Chris Barnes and Graham Cavness serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. Barnes passed away at his residence on Saturday, October 19, 2019.

Gerald was born on October 28, 1933 in Greenpond, the son of Mozelle Stinson Gillem and Voyd Gillem. He married Ruth McDonald on June 15, 1956 in Hopkins County. He worked as a sales person and operated the pro shop at Sulphur Springs Country Club before his retirement. Gerald served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and was of the Baptist faith.



Gerald is survived by his wife, Ruth Barnes; daughter, Beverly Holman and husband Doug; son, Larry Barnes; grandchildren, Amanda Volz, Ryan Holman, Adam Holman, B.J. Barnes, Chris Barnes, Amy Mitchell; great grandchildren, Hadley, Sloan, Callen, Kessler, Sawyer, Kaitlyn, Brianna, Gabby, Brooke, Neko and three great great grandchildren. Gerald was preceded in death by his parents and infant daughter.

### ***Margaret Nelson Reed***

Funeral service for Margaret Nelson Reed, age 78, of Sulphur Springs will be held at 1:00 P.M. at Mitchel Chapel Church of God in Christ on Monday, October 28, 2019 with Bishop Nelson Gatlin officiating. Interment will follow at Mel Haven Cemetery with Gilbert Roland, Laron Ross, Robert Franklin, Vincent Franklin, Michael Kelly, Brandon Franklin serving as pallbearers and Chad Smith, Tony Reed, Jr., Shalik Reed, Jydarius Hawkins serving as honorary pallbearers. There will be no formal visitation. Mrs. Reed passed away on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at Christus Mother Frances Hospital, Sulphur Springs, TX.

Arrangements under the direction of Tapp Funeral Home. The online register can be signed at [tappfuneral.com](http://tappfuneral.com)

### ***Chris Davis***

Chris Davis, 59, of Dike, TX, passed away October 17, 2019, after a courageous battle with cancer, at home, surrounded by family. He was born January 25, 1960 in Corpus Christi, TX to Duane and Anne Davis. He married the love of his life, Jajan Adair, May 24, 1985 in Corpus Christi.

Chris was a 1978 graduate of Mary Carroll High in Corpus Christi and a 1983 graduate of East Texas State University. Chris spent the entirety of his adult life managing and running the day-to-day operations of Adair Beefmasters with his wife, Jajan.

Chris was a member of First United Methodist Church, Sulphur Springs and the Discoverers Sunday School Class.

Chris is survived by his wife of 34 years, Jajan Adair, daughter Lee Adair Davis Yoder (Andrew) of Sulphur Springs, son Christopher (Kiffer) Baker Davis, Junior (Kate), of Sulphur Springs, daughter Jenna Davis Brown (Cody) of McKinney, grandchildren Adair Lee Yoder, Davis Connelly Yoder, Rose Vesper Davis, and Margot Ryan Davis all of Sulphur Springs.

He is preceded in death by his father Duane Arthur Davis, survived by his mother Anne Bright Davis, sisters Julie Davis Wendl, Melanie Davis Coleman all of Corpus Christi, brothers Mickey Davis of Elmendorf, TX and Charlie Davis of Saginaw, TX. Visitation was held at West Oaks Funeral Home, Sulphur Springs, on Sunday, October 20 from 5:00-7:00. Services were on Monday, October 21 at First United Methodist Church, Sulphur Springs at 2:00. Burial followed at Nelta Cemetery.







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